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up to the height of the air jets; the substance partially clogged the jets. By using the furnace for a long period with only a 50 percent charge, the lower part has partially been cleared. An attempt will be made to clear out the rest of the substance by operating the furnace with pure fuel only; after the furnace has cooled off the lining will be repaired only in the damaged places. Through this process it is hoped to shorten

The coke plant at Lauchhammer is producing coke adequate for use in blast furnaces, although it is strongly hygroscopic and requires careful handling. At present Lauchhammer requires so many lignitabriquettes for its ovens that they are hardly available for civilian consumption. Russian experts from the Soviet Metallurgical Industry inspected Lauchhammer and EKO/Fuerstenberg; they criticized technical details but spoke praisingly of the large scale

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